

Minutes of the meeting of BICC Executive Committee held on Monday, August 30, 1971 at BICC Headquarters.

PRESENT

Marshall Wolf
Henry Boardman
Richard Bregstein
George Birmingham
John Maguire
John Clarkson
William Hoffman
Roland E. Stewart

Jules Lozowick
Carl Venable
Pedro Iglesias
Richard Proctor
Thomas Mann
Ruth McClain
William Wilson
Ralph Grebow

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Co-Chairman Ruth McClain. Mrs. McClain thanked everyone for being so nice to her during the time she was Co-Chairman for BICC. She also stated that Richard Proctor will be the new acting Co-Chairman for BICC.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Stewart stated that since he could not get the Executive Director's report to the committee members before this meeting, he thought it would be good for everyone to read the report and at the end if there were any questions, he will try to enlarge upon them or make more foggy some of the things which are already fogged up.

Mr. Lozowick asked Mr. Stewart to talk briefly to the board members on the newspaper article which BICC had in the papers in regards to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission survey. He also wanted to know who got the background status for that report? Mr. Stewart replied that the BICC staff gathered the background status. He went on to state what was in the newspaper article.

Mr. Wolf stated that there is a correction on the Mayor's Task Force. Mr. Henry Boardman was elected to the Mayor's Task Force to review the school system in Newark, N.J.

Mr. Boardman suggested to have someone from the Board of Education of Newark, come to BICC's General Meeting in October, 1971.

Mr. Wolf asked Mrs. McClain if she would ask Drs. Titus, and Pfeffer, and Mrs. Fullilove to come to our October meeting. Mrs. McClain replied that she would get letters out to invite the three to our meeting.

Mr. Wolf stated that BICC along with the community, would like to get a progress report from the Board of Education members, in reference to how they plan on improving the Newark's school system.

pay for it. So seemingly, Lincoln Technical has not talked with the Chamber or the Chamber with them, stated Mr. Stewart. He went on to say that at this point is is not known whether there is a workable relationship between any entity and Lincoln Technical Institute to bring about a consortium.

Mr. Lozowick stated that the Chamber is designated as the official NAB agency for the area, so he assumes the Chamber will have to play some part in some way. As his understanding of NAB, is that only so much money is allotted to each area, so he's assuming from that, that therefore the Chamber-NAB organization has a say as to where the money will go; so maybe BICC should speak to the Chamber to find out. Mr. Stewart stated that he agrees also, only that at this point, the entire area is in an exploratory stage.

Mr. Clarkson stated that he and Mr. Stewart are on the Mayor's Steering Committee to find jobs for the Viet Nam veterans. This is a State Employment Service situation, stated Mr. Clarkson. Mr. Clarkson went on to say that he made a suggestion to the committee to have a few companies come to their next meeting if they want the business to hire any of these veterans. Mr. Bregstein stated that in the Executive Director's report, it stated that, "to date, no Newark company or entity has offered to help," with the Organization of Black Citizens seeking to get an ambulance. He also asked, if there is a formal proposal available for help? Mr. Stewart replied, "yes there is." Mr. Boykin stated that this new group called the Organization of Black Citizens, of the Central Ward had sent letters out to various companies in Newark and outside of Newark seeking money for another ambulance, but their only responses has come from outside of Newark business community. He went on to say that, the organization is now going back systematically to approach these companies with a formal type of proposal.

Mr. Bregstein stated that maybe this organization did not have enough experience in approaching the companies like BICC does. Mr. Stewart stated that they did the same kind of things with the other two companies who gave them the \$200.00 and the \$1,000 as they did with the companies in Newark.

Mr. Wolf asked for the status of the ambulances. Mr. Boykin stated that all of the ambulances are functioning at the present time. There is one at the Dayton Ward, one in the South Side Ward and one formerly of Central Ward is now with the Spanish American group. The Spanish American group at the present time are making calls and they are still graduating people from their first-aid training classes.

Mr. Clarkson asked is there really a need for another ambulance in the Central Ward? Mr. Boykin replied, "Definitely, since there is not an ambulance squad in the Central Ward at the present time. He went on to say that the Organization of Black Citizens have been sending letters out a couple at a time to churches and citizen groups in the Central Ward area, seeking funds. He had been helping them by compiling a list of the businesses in Newark, and they are sending letters of inquiry and they will be enclosing the letters from Merck and Bristol Myers.

Mr. Wolf and Mr. Stewart stated that they would like to help the Organization of Black Citizens to acquire another ambulance.

There was a discussion as to whom should be asked to be on the panel for the October General Meeting concerning "What progress has been made in the Newark School System in the last 6 months?"

Mr. Hoffman asked Mr. Stewart about how many calls have come into the BICC office from companies in reference to the brochure that was sent out on July 26, 1971. Mr. Stewart replied that he has received approximately 25 calls or have received written responses from the companies.

Mr. Wolf stated that he did not see in the Executive Director's report any response to getting someone to act as a fund raiser for BICC. Mr. Stewart stated he has not received any response as yet.

Mr. Wolf stated that he said he would get someone for approximately 6-7 months and he would. Mr. Stewart said that he would get together with Mr. Wolf to discuss this.

Mr. Boardman stated that he could probably get some of his staff to call some of the companies who have not responded to BICC's brochure. Mr. Richard Bregstein stated that he would take a list to call some companies also.

Mr. Stewart reported that BICC's second phase is to either call up the companies or send out second letters as a follow-up.

The Executive Committee had a small discussion as to how a list can be made up and divided so that some of the board members can call the companies who did not respond to the brochures.

Mr. Maguire asked Mr. Stewart to please explain page three of the Executive Director's report under the heading "BICC Staffing Pattern?" Mr. Maguire wanted to know about the proposed \$134,000 from the Dept. of Labor 7 Industry, and the proposed \$71,000 from Prudential. Mr. Stewart reported that the \$134,000 is a proposal which was submitted to Mr. Cottrell of the Dept. of Labor & Industry for a Clerical World of Work kind of thing. Mr. Cottrell suggested a JOB 70 program instead of the clerical program. The \$71,000 from Prudential, Mr. Stewart understands has been scratched but at the time of the Executive Director's report, he did not know this. He went on to say that he has not been told officially that it was scratched.

Mr. Maguire also said that on page 4 of the report said, "BICC is exploring a possible consortium arrangement with Lincoln Technical Institute," he wanted to know if this was being incorporated in the Chamber or is BICC going out on their own to seek funds.

Mr. Stewart stated that when Mr. Boykin & Mr. Partenheimer went to see Mr. Cottrell of the Dept. of Labor, he suggested that BICC should try to find a consortium to BICC, then do a clerical training program. He went on to say that Lincoln Technical Institute seem to be interested in BICC's "World of Work" kind of brochure with BICC's profiling and training programs. They said, they would further like to get into a training program and have the government

Mr. Wolf suggested that maybe NJOMD would let them use one of their ambulances. Mr. Stewart said that if they did that then they would be short of an ambulance. Mr. Lozowick suggested to get data about the useage of the volunteer and official ambulances and then develop from that data where the needs exist, and in that way you may have the chance of getting money from the businesses. Mr. Birmingham reported that there is still \$644.00 left in the ambulance fund. Mr. Stewart asked Mr. Boykin just what kind of information did the Organization of Black Citizens submit to Briston-Myers and Merck to get their support? Mr. Boykin stated that the basic information given was the cost of the ambulance, the cost of the operation and the cost of the uniforms. Mr. Birmingham suggested to go back to the Schumann Foundation for funding of another ambulance.

Mrs. McClain suggested that the BIOC staff assist the Organization of Black Citizens group in getting a proposal out to get funding for a ambulance in the Central Ward, and to get data from the other three ambulances so that the Executive Committee could examine the data and determine a need.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Birmingham reported that the Chamber of Commerce has not remitted their money for the months of June, July and August. He also passed out a financial report sheet. Mr. Mann asked Mr. Birmingham what is the delay in the Chamber sending him their check. Mr. Birmingham stated that he did not know why they have not submitted their check.

Mr. Wolf reported that he would talk to Mr. Charles Hall about getting their check to Mr. Birmingham.

Mr. Stewart asked Mr. Birmingham that perhaps with the money left over from the clerical program, maybe it would be possible to give the BIOC staff some sort of stipend for working after hours and teaching in some of the clerical programs.

TASK FORCE:

Mr. Lozowick reported that the Task Force committee went to 8 companies and they have 4 more companies to go to. Most of the 8 companies they have visited have a Affirmative Action Program. He went on to say that an Equal Employment Opportunity office will be opening in Newark on September 13, 1971, and perhaps he and Mr. Stewart could go down there.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Boardman reported that Mr. William Ronco will be coming to the General Meeting on Sept. 7, 1971 to give a rundown on his accomplishments. The Industrial Arts program will be in all of the five Junior High Schools in Newark when school starts in September.

Mrs. McClain reminded the board members about the Urban Classic game to be held on Saturday November 27, 1971, at the Rutgers Stadium, New Brunswick, N.J. The tickets are \$10 00 a piece and can be purchased at the BICC Headquarters.

The General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 7, 1971 will be a panel to discuss "Has BICC Lived Up To Its Potentions."

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Morton